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At the end of claim 36, the period after "retrieved information" is hereby replaced by a comma, and followed by "**and the distributing further comprises allocating the at least a portion of the payment to the retailer that sold the peripheral device.**"

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7 and 2-4 are allowed.

Claims 14 and 9-11 are allowed.

Claims 21 and 16-18 are allowed.

Claims 22-24 are allowed.

Claims 27-29 are allowed.

Claims 32-34 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art of record, Hayward et al. (U.S. Patent 6,629,134), discloses a method comprising: displaying with a device a status of at least one consumable in the device, and information about ordering at least one of the consumables when at least one condition occurs (Figures 3 and 4; column 5, line 10, through column 6, line 4); monitoring with the device for an input indicating that an order for at least one of the consumables has been placed (column 7, line 67, through column 8, line 38); and submitting with the device the order for at least one consumable to a supplier if the monitored input indicates an order should be placed (column 7, line 67, through column 8, line 38). Hayward does not expressly disclose displaying the status of a plurality of consumables at one time, but does disclose displaying the status of various